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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PF-0526 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 99/11904	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/05/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 29/05/1998
Applicant INCYTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of **6** sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
 - contained in the international application in written form.
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 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-20 (all partially)

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

1. Claim : .

Invention 1: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

A substantially purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment thereof, an isolated and substantially purified polynucleotide encoding said polypeptide, a method for detecting said polynucleotide, an expression vector and a host cell comprising the polynucleotide, a method of producing the above mentioned polypeptide, a pharmaceutical composition comprising said polypeptide as well as an antibody against said polypeptide and a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of human transmembrane proteins.

Inventions 2-79: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

The inventions No. 2 - 79 relate to subject-matter as defined above for "subject 1", whereby each invention refers to one of the polypeptide sequences of SEQ ID NO:2 to SEQ ID NO:79 (and the respective nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:80 to SEQ ID NO:158).

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 17,18,20

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The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.



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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-20 (all partially)

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 17,18,20

It is not possible to carry out a meaningful search for claims 17,18 and 20, since the claimed agonists and antagonists are not sufficiently described.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

1. Claim : .

Invention 1: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

A substantially purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment thereof, an isolated and substantially purified polynucleotide encoding said polypeptide, a method for detecting said polynucleotide, an expression vector and a host cell comprising the polynucleotide, a method of producing the above mentioned polypeptide, a pharmaceutical composition comprising said polypeptide as well as an antibody against said polypeptide and a method for treating or preventing a disorder associated with decreased expression or activity of human transmembrane proteins.

Inventions 2-79: Claims 1-20 (all partially)

The inventions No. 2 - 79 relate to subject-matter as defined above for "subject 1", whereby each invention refers to one of the polypeptide sequences of SEQ ID NO:2 to SEQ ID NO:79 (and the respective nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:80 to SEQ ID NO:158).

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Applicant INCYTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

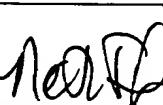
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/11904

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-107 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand the claims:pages 108-110 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____ the drawings:pages NONE _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____ the sequence listing part of the description:pages 1-117 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

- the entire international application.
 claims Nos. 17, 18, 20; claims 1-16, and 19 (partially)

because:

- the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*).

- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*).

- the claims, or said claims Nos. _ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

- no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. (See Attached).

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

- the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
 the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-4, 7, 8, 12-16, 19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>5, 6, 9-11</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-4, 7, 8, 12-16, 19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>5, 6, 9-11</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-16 and 19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 5, 6, and 9-11 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Hillier et al (WashU-NCI EST Project). Hillier et al. disclose an amino acid sequence (SEQ accession no. AA779652) which is the same as amino acids 90-240 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Therefore, Hillier et al. anticipate the claimed invention.

Claims 5, 6, and 9-11 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Hillier (WashU-Merck EST Project). Hillier et al. disclose an amino acid sequence (SEQ accession no. AA447814) which is the same as amino acids 62-209 of SEQ ID NO: 1. Therefore, Hillier et al. anticipate the claimed invention.

While applicant traverses the findings in the Written Opinion, applicant did not point out any of the supposed errors or amend the claims. Therefore, the findings of the written opinion are maintained for reasons of record.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12-16 and 19 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed sequences and the invention has industrial applicability in field of biotechnology.

Claims 1-16 and 19 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), for industrial applicability.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

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III. NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF REPORT:

No international search report has been established for claim numbers 17, 18, 20; claims 1-16, and 19 partially (SEQ ID Nos: 2-158).